Komi Can't Communicate

A household...

...a martial partnership or group of dependents or blood relatives who live in the same residence. In other words, a family.
GLANCE
Civil law defines immediate family for unmarried individuals as parents and siblings.
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Communication 400: Kawai's House

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UM...
TODAY...
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GO HEAD
...!!
UM, YOU FIRST!
HER MESSAGE SAID SHE WANTS TO SHOW US SOMETHING AND ASK US A QUESTION.
She even sent a cab!
OKAY, UM...
...I WONDER WHY KAWAI INVITED US OVER...
... TODAY.

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MY TOPIC ENDS THERE SO... NOW YOU GO!
...
Wants to know if Tadano noticed she accidentally kissed him
...
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WE'RE HERE.

HELLO! THANKS FOR COMING.
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NOK
NOK
TAXI
I'LL PAY FOR THEIR FARE.
OH, THANKS.
BOW
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NO PROBLEM. AFTER ALL, I INVITED YOU. I'M JUST GRATEFUL YOU CAME.
THANK YOU!
HUG
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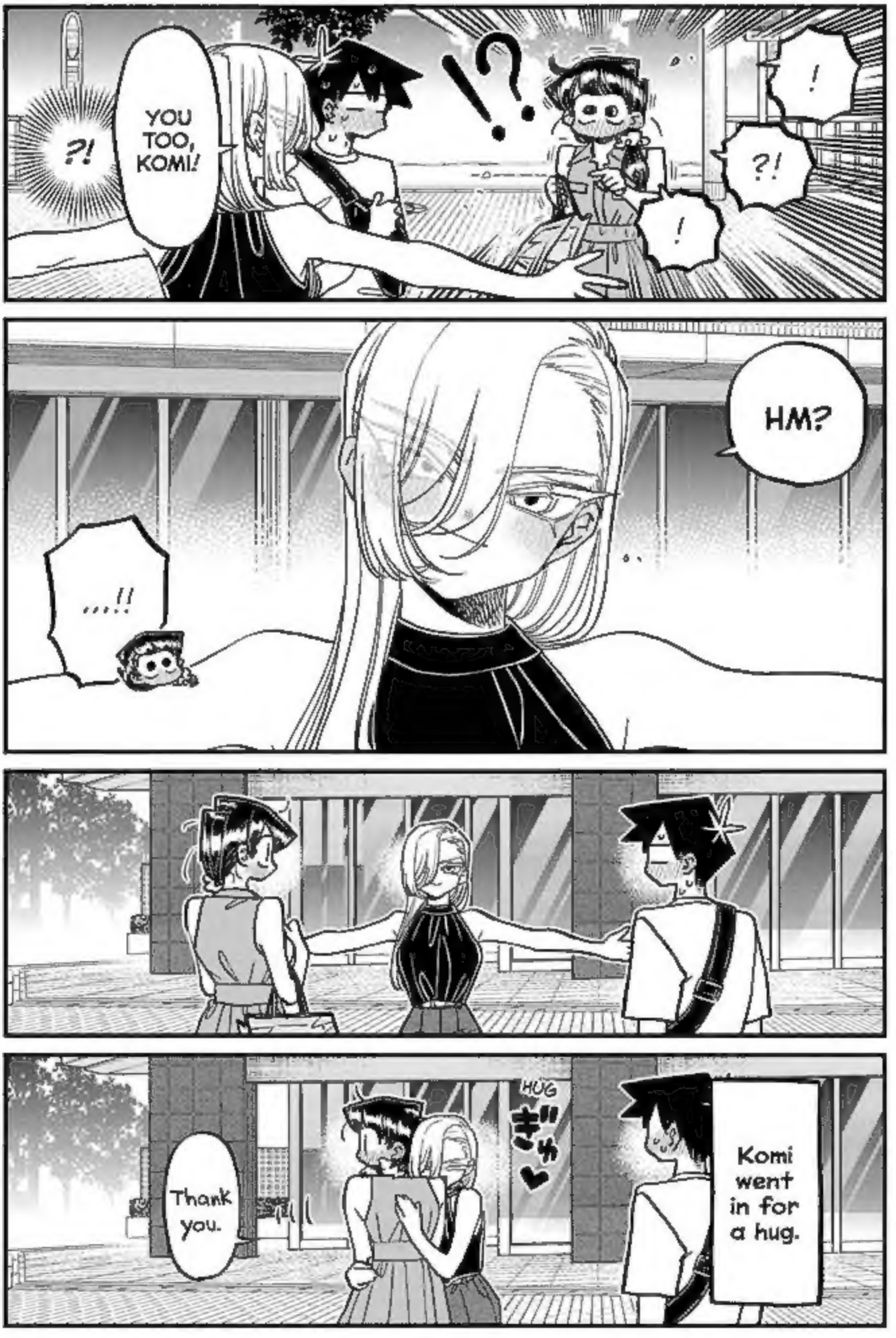
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YOU TOO, KOMI!
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HM?
...!!
HUG
ぎゅ
Thank you.
Komi went in for a hug.

Tadano doesn't know how to react to his former crush hugging him in front of his girlfriend.
Komi is uneasy about someone other than herself expressing affection for Tadano, but the same person was also affectionate toward her, so she doesn't know how to react.
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I WANT TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING IN HERE.
THE WHOLE TOP FLOOR IS OURS.
AW, IT'S NOTHING.
WHAT A NICE APARTMENT BUILDING!
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HI.
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FTMP
Tadaomi Buta
Kawai's cousin
I'M RAMI'S BIG BROTHER.
I'M TADAOMI BUTA. I'M A MED STUDENT...
...IN MY THIRD YEAR AT TORI UNIVERISTY.
NICE TO MEET YA.
HE'S MY COUSIN.
TWIST
OWWWW!!!
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I TOLD YOU TO STAY IN YOUR ROOM!
BUT YOU'VE NEVER HAD FRIENDS OVER BEFORE, SO—
WRNCH
OW!
I GIVE, I GIVE!!

SAY IT.
OINKKKKKKKK
?!!
OIIIINKK!!!

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

LISTEN, BOYO. TOUCH RAMI AND YOU DIE.
WRNCH
OIIINK!!

HELLO THERE!
BOW

SHE'S FORCEFUL!
HUFF
HUFF
W-WHAT JUST HAPP...
YOU DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING.
TADAAAAH
THANK YOU FOR COMING!
!
Koma Buta Kawai's aunt
Gonsuke Buta Kawai's uncle
OH MY! ARE YOU RAMI'S FRIENDS?
YEAH! NO HURRY HERE!
YEAH! I'M SKIPPING IT!
I THOUGHT YOU HAD A MEETING TODAY.

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BUT YOU MAY NOT HAVE MY DAUGHTER.
I'M NOT YOUR DAUGHTER!
TWIST
OWWWW!!!
SAY IT.
OIIIINK!!
??!!
DON'T TAKE AWAY OUR DARLING RAMI!
GUSH!
?!!?!?!
...
...
UM...
I DON'T BELONG TO YOU!
YANK
OIIIINK!!!
??!?!!?!?

WHSH
?!
Tadaomi Buta
NO FAIR, YOU GUYS!
YOU'RE HOGGING ALL THE PHYSICAL CONTACT!!
KRAK SNAP POP
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!!!
COME WITH ME.
HUFF
THANK YOU...
...VERY MUCH.
UM, NO?
...!
VERY GOOD.
DID YOU SEE ANYTHING?

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ULP, OKAY.
THIS IS MY PRIVATE SPACE. BE AT EASE.
It's like a principal's office!
...
SO, UM, NOW WHAT DO WE DO?

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I DON'T KNOW.
THEN WHY INVITE US?
SO I JUST DON'T KNOW.
I ENJOY APPRE-CIATING WORKS OF ART ALONE.
SO, WHY INVITE YOU TO MY ROOM? WHY NOT TALK ELSE-WHERE?
I'VE NEVER HAD ANY FRIENDS OR ANY CONFIDANTS, BUT I DID LEARN HOW TO COMMUNICATE.
...UM...
WELL...
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...FOR THE FIRST TIME.
...I WANTED TO TRY INVITING FRIENDS OVER...

...
MY APOLO-GIES.
BUT I'VE NEVER DONE IT BEFORE, OR EVEN HAD ANY FRIENDS, SO I REALLY DON'T KNOW.
ACTUALLY, I'M RELIEVED.
!
YOU HAVE A FAMILY.
I D-DIDN'T MEAN IT IN A BAD WAY!
WHAT DOES *THAT* MEAN?

...AND WHEN WE TALKED ON THE BEACH...
I NEVER SAW YOUR FAMILY AT JUNIOR HIGH EVENTS...
KAWAI!
...YOU SEEMED LONELY.
...A PROPER FAMILY.
BUT NOW I SEE THAT YOU HAVE...
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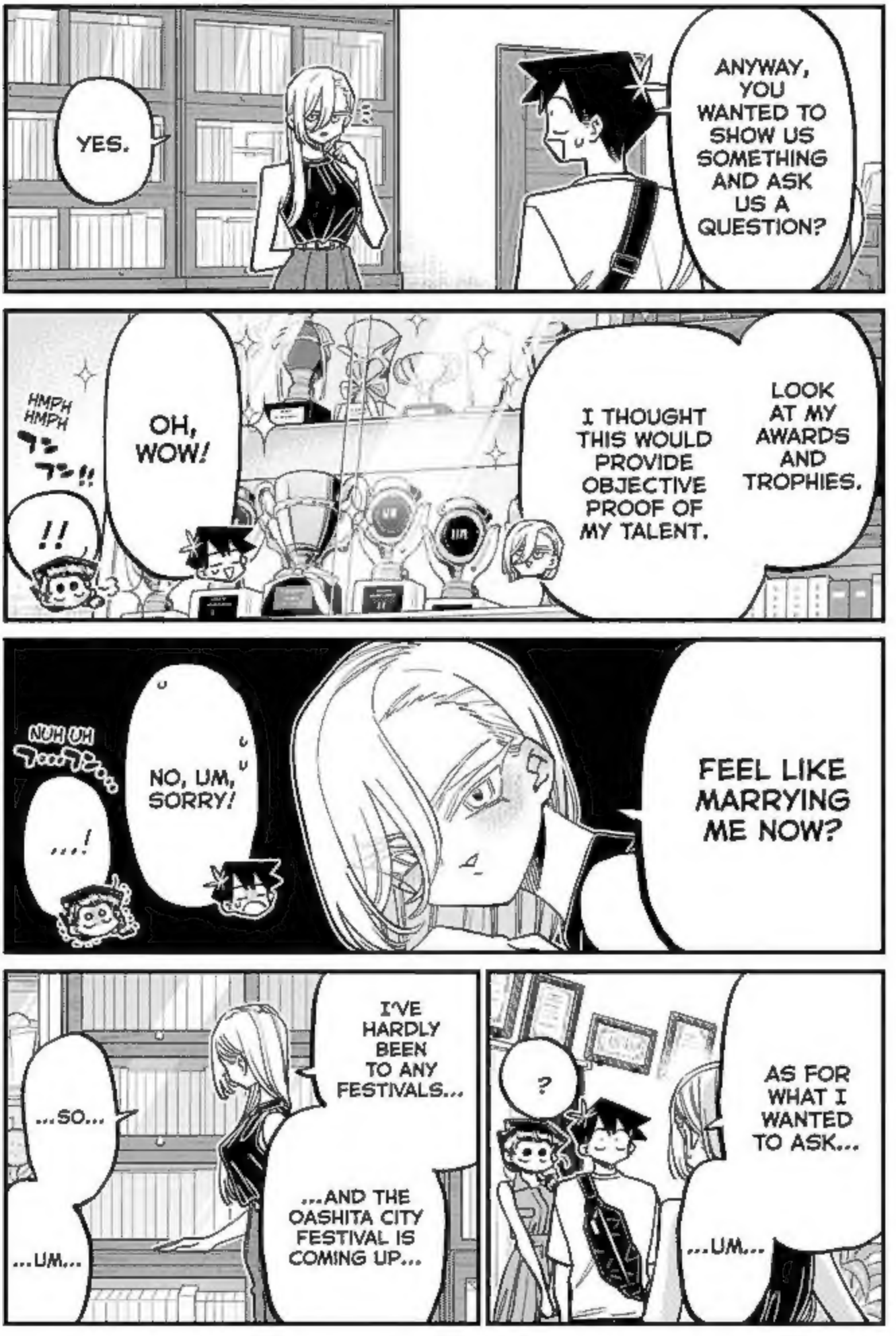
?!
THAT'S NOT WHAT THEY ARE.
THE LAW ONLY INCLUDES PARENTS AND SIBLINGS IN THE DEFINITION OF FAMILY. IF IT WEREN'T FOR ME, THEY'D BE WANDERING THE STREETS.
I EVEN HAVE CONTROL OVER THE BUTA MEDICAL OFFICES. THEY'RE JUST PIGS BEGGING FOR FOOD.
THAT'S A BIT HARSH!
ONKKK
ARE THEY OFFEND-ED OR NOT?!
THAT'S VERBAL ABUSE!! O!!!!!!!!NK!!
...THEY MIGHT BE CONSIDERED FAMILY.
HOW-EVER...
HMPH HMPH


ANYWAY, YOU WANTED TO SHOW US SOMETHING AND ASK US A QUESTION?
YES.
LOOK AT MY AWARDS AND TROPHIES.
I THOUGHT THIS WOULD PROVIDE OBJECTIVE PROOF OF MY TALENT.
OH, WOW!
HMPH HMPH
!!
FEEL LIKE MARRYING ME NOW?
NO, UM, SORRY!
NUH UH
...!
I'VE HARDLY BEEN TO ANY FESTIVALS...
...AND THE OASHITA CITY FESTIVAL IS COMING UP...
...SO...
...UM...
AS FOR WHAT I WANTED TO ASK...
?
...UM...

To be continued!